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- 1. ON INSTRUCTIONS, GREEK COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY NOMIKOS CALLED ON EAGLETON (EUR/SE) TODAY TO STRESS "SERIOUSNESS" OF YESTERDAY'S OVERFLIGHTS BY TURKISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF GREEK ISLANDS AND TO EMPHASIZE POSSIBLE "GRAVE CONSEQUENCES" IF SUCH OVERFLIGHTS CONTINUED. NOMIKOS SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT ASK HIM TO REQUEST A U.S. DEMARCHE TO THE TURKS, BUT HE EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH TURKS TO STOP THESE "PROVOCATIONS."
- 2. EAGLETON INDICATED WE TOO REGARD INCREASED TENSION IN AEGEAN AS SERIOUS MATTER AND, THEREFORE, BELIEVE IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO OBSERVED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT TURKISH OVERFLIGHTS ARE PROBABLY RELATED TO GREEK

DEPLOYMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ON AEGEAN ISLANDS IN WHAT TURKS REGARD AS CONTRAVENTION OF LAUSANNE AND PARIS TREATIES.

3. IN REPLY, NOMIKOS ARGUED THAT GREEKS BELIEVE TURKEY HAS TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN AEGEAN AND, IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY DID IN CYPRUS, GOG MUST TAKE APPROPRIATE DEFENSIVE MEASURES. INGERSOLL

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